

Candle Blessing

Kiddush, Evening

Welcome

Shabbat Songs

Reader: Choose reading # 1 or 2

After the psalms (mostly song) of Kabbalat Shabbat, we turn to page 3 for a reading before the lighting of our Shabbat Candles.

You may offer one of these before kindling the lights.

1.

AS THESE SHABBAT CANDLES give light
to all who behold them,
so may we, by our lives, give light to all who behold us.

As their brightness reminds us
of the generations of Israel who have kindled light,
so may we, in our own day, be among those who kindle light.

2.

O SOURCE of light and truth,
Creator of the eternal law of goodness,
help us to find knowledge by which to live.
Lead us to take the words we shall speak
into our hearts and our lives.

Bless all who enter this sanctuary in need,
all who bring the offerings of their hearts.
May our worship lead us to acts of kindness, peace and love.

For Kabbalat Shabbat, turn to page 12 [130].

Help me perfect my ways of loving and caring.
Inspire me to make myself whole
so that I may honor Your name and
create a world of justice and peace.

Martin Buber

קַבְּלַת פְּנִים

הַדְּלַקַת הַנְּרוֹת
קְדוּשָׁה, עֲרֵבִית
בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים
שִׁירֵי שַׁבָּת

KABBALAT PANIM — WELCOMING

BLESSINGS FOR SHABBAT

* *The candles are lit before the blessing is recited.*

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav,
v'tzivanu l'hadlik
ner shel Shabbat.

Cantor sings:
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

~~BLESSED ARE YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe,
who hallows us with mitzvot,
commanding us to kindle the light of Shabbat.~~

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Shabbat Candle Blessing — The mitzvah of kindling Shabbat lights in the home is an early rabbinic practice (*M. Shabbat 2:1ff.*) The Shabbat candle blessing is first recorded in the ninth-century prayerbook, *Seder Rav Amram*. Lighting Shabbat candles as part of the synagogue service is an innovation of Reform Judaism.